

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 277.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1882.

FIVE DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE now showing a Large and Varied Assortment of
TOYS.

Comprising:
ENGLISH AND FRENCH DOLLS.
NOVELTIES IN MECHANICAL TOYS.
NEW BRICKS AND PUZZLES.
AUTOMATIC CHARIOTS AND WAGONS.
ROCKING AND SPRING HORSES.
CUBES AND MOSAIC BUILDING SETS.
DRUMS, CYMBALS, AND OTHER MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.
CHILDREN'S TEA AND TETE A TETE SETS.
PERCUSSION GUNS AND RIFLES.
SWORDS AND HAPPY FAMILIES.
CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS IN VARIETY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1882. [296]

Insurances.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).
CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333.33.
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq., LEE YAT LAU, Esq.,
LO YUEN MOON, Esq., CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.,
MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS of the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.
CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 200,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATIONS, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553.95

DIRECTORS:
H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. PRINCE, Esq., W. B. MEYER, Esq.,
A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq., G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

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Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.
Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.
RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
65 and 66, Cornhill, E.C.

"Policies" granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the world.
Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of the Underwriting Business are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [53]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. MAX CARL JOHANN GROTE has been authorized to Sign Our Firm in Hongkong and China from this date.
MELCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1882. [772]

FOR SALE CHEAP
A FIRST-CLASS SADDLE by DAVIS & Co. London, the property of a Gentleman leaving the Colony. Almost New, and will be sold cheap. Can be seen at the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1882. [789]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. J. M. GUEDES has received instructions from the MORTGAGEE to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,
the 15th December, 1882, at 2.30 O'CLOCK P.M., at the Premises—
A VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate in Wing Lok Street and Bonham Strand, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong,

Comprising:
All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND Registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT No. 158, containing in the whole 1,400 square feet or thereabouts, together with the Two Substantial and well built TENEMENTS and SHOPS thereon known as No. 101, Wing Lok Street, and No. 113, Bonham Strand, as the said Premises are held for the residue of a term of 981 years subject to the payment of the rent and the performance of the Covenants in the Crown Lease of the said Premises reserved and contained.

The Property is Sold subject to the existing lettings thereof respectively.
For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to
BRETON, WOTTON, & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagee,
35, Queen's Road, Hongkong,

or to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1882. [793]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

CHRISTMAS TOYS, FANCY GOODS, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,
the 16th December, 1882, at TWO P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Peddar's Wharf—
A LARGE SELECTION OF TOYS of Every Description.

A QUANTITY OF FANCY GOODS SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1882. [813]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,
the 16th December, 1882, at TWO P.M., at the UNION CLUB (Kau Hing Fong) Aberdeen Street,

THE WHOLE OF THE
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES OF THE ABOVE CLUB.

Also,
A PHILAN'S BILLIARD TABLE Complete.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1882. [209]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,
the 27th day of December, 1882, at THREE P.M., on the Premises,

By ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND being a PORTION of MARINE LOT No. 87, measuring North 35 1/2 feet, South 35 1/2 feet, East 39 feet, and West 39 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground is Registered in the Land Office as Section B of Marine Lot No. 87.

Together with the TWO HOUSES on Queen's Road West, Nos. 15 and 17. Held for the residue of a term of 999 years. Yearly Crown Rent \$41.
For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to
SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagee.

or to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1882. [808]

Intimations.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

SUIT No. 1340 of 1882.

KWOK PAK AND OTHERS v. NG TANG AND ANOTHER.

ALL Persons having any Claims or Demands on the KWONG SUI LI Grocery Shop are requested to transmit the particulars thereof to me in order that the same may be examined and discharged; and all Persons who are indebted to the said KWONG SUI LI are required to pay the amount of their respective Debts to me forthwith, otherwise legal proceedings will be instituted for the recovery thereof without further notice.
Dated this 9th day of December, 1882.
CHUNG SHING HONG,
Receiver.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Society's Head Office Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of December, 1882, at Four o'clock, in the AFTERNOON, when the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed:

RESOLUTION.
That each of the Existing Shares of the Society be divided into Four Shares of \$1.25, upon each of which the sum of \$1.25 shall be credited as paid up.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1882. [805]

Intimations.

THE CHEAPEST HOUSE IN THE EAST.

FOR BOOKS, STATIONERY, MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, FANCY GOODS, ARTISTS MATERIALS, &c., &c., &c.

W. BREWER.

No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

JUST RECEIVED.

TRANSLATIONS OF ZOLA'S NOVELS, INCLUDING POT BOUILLE, NANA, L'ASSOMMOIR.

Balzac's Droll Stories.
Hawell's Engineers' Pocket Book.
Miss Bird's Travels in Japan, Cheap. ed.
Hill's Manual of Social and Business Forms.
Ingersoll's Lectures, "Ghosts," "Gods," &c., &c.
Ruskin's Works complete, in 15 vols.
The Royal Romances.

Marvin's Russia's Advance towards India.
Diamonds and precious Stones by Dieulafoy.
Kemp's Handbook of Electric Testing.
The Synod of Elvira, by A. W. Dale.
Henri Dominique Lacordaire, by Lear.
Vero Shaw's Book of the Dog.
Stonehenge's Book of the Dog.

DITSON'S VOCS OF MUSIC.

Gems of English Song.
Silver Wreath.
Musical Treasure.
Organ at Home.

Gems of Straits.
Pianists' Album.
Wreath of Gems.
Silver Chord.

Gems of Scottish Song.
Gems of Waldeufel.
World of Song.
Pianoforte Gems.

MASON AND HAMLIN'S BABY ORGANS.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1882. [703]

ROSE & CO.

ARE NOW SHOWING THEIR NOVELTIES FOR THE SEASON.

BARBOTINE WARE.
ELEGANTLY DESIGNED CLOCKS.
VASES, JARDINERS, LANDSCAPE PAINTED PLATES.

TOILET SETS, &c.
PLUSH GOODS IN GREAT VARIETY.
NECESSAIRES, WORK BOXES.

CABINETS, PHOTO FRAMES, MIRRORS.
WALL AND CORNER BRACKETS AND WATCH STANDS.
TABLE COVERS, GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.

GRAPHOSCOPES, OLIVE WOOD WARE, BAGS AND BASKETS.
BEADED BED SETS, BRACKET BEAD WORK AND HANMER SCREENS.
LETTER AND CARD CASES, BRONZES.

PERFUME SATCHETS, ALBUMS.
NOVELTIES IN ELECTRO PLATED WARE.
THE MACKINNON PEN.

OLEOGRAPH, PRINTS.
BROOCHES, EARRINGS.

NECKLACES, STUDS, SOLITAIRE.
SCARF PINS AND RINGS.

A LARGE AND SELECT ASSORTMENT OF TOYS.
SKIN ROCKING HORSES.

MECHANICAL TOYS.
DOLLS IN GREAT VARIETY, FRENCH AND ENGLISH.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS.
BON BON COSAQUES AND CONFECTIONERY.

WOOL WORK SLIPPERS, CUSHIONS, OTTOMAN COVERS, &c.
LADIES' SUPERIOR FRENCH KID GLOVES 2, 4, 6, 8, 12 BUTTONS.

GENTS' 2 BUTTON KID GLOVES 1 PER PAIR.
PARISIAN MANTLES, SEALSKIN MANTLES, CAPES, AND MANTLE TRIMMING.

CHRISTY'S FELT HATS. HOSIERY.
NOVELTIES IN GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS.

STATIONERY AND PERFUMERY.
LOCKYER'S HAIR RESTORER.

FRENCH POLISH FOR BOOTS.
COATINGS, TROWSERINGS, SUITINGS, AND ULSTER CLOTHS.

TRAVELLING TRUNKS AND BAGS.
MUSIC, GIFT BOOKS, TOY BOOKS, &c.

A FIRST CLASS MAGIC LANTERN AND SLIDES FOR LOAN ON HIRE.

OUR DRESSMAKING AND MILLINERY DEPARTMENTS ARE UNDER GOOD MANAGEMENT; TERMS MODERATE.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT CASH PAYMENT.

ROSE & CO.,
31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD—HONGKONG. [379]

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

WE ARE NOW SHEWING EX "RECENT ARRIVALS."

ALL WOOL SCOTCH PLAIDS, at 45 CENTS PER YARD.

LADIES FUR-LINED CLOAKS from \$12 to \$80 EACH.

CLOTH AND MATASSÉ DOLMANS, MANTLES, AND JACKETS, IN NEWEST SHAPES.

NOVELTIES DIRECT FROM PARIS IN
MOIRE, BROCHE, OTTOMAN, AND SURAT DRESS SILKS.

LADIES SILK AND SPUN SILK HOSE IN EVERY COLOUR.

KID GLOVES.—2, 4, 6, 8, 10 BUTTONS.

NOVELTIES IN CORSET LACE, AND CLASP KID GLOVES.

INFANTS', CHILDREN'S AND LADIES' BOOTS AND SHOES IN EVERY SIZE.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG. [659]

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

NOW SHOWING A LARGE AND SELECT ASSORTMENT OF

TOYS AND NOVELTIES

ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND AMERICAN GOODS.

VERY SUITABLE FOR

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

Just Opened
NEW NOVELS IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH.
RELIGIOUS WORKS IN ELEGANTLY BOUND COVERS.
PICKWICK PAPERS.

A VARIETY OF CHEAP NOVELS.
ALL QUITE NEW AND OFFERED AT MODERATE PRICES.

J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1882. [601]

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING.
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
15TH AND 16TH DECEMBER, 1882.

PATRON:
HIS EXCELLENCY W. H. MARSH, C.M.G.

VICE-PATRON:
HIS EXCELLENCY VICE-ADMIRAL WILLES, C.B., R.N.

HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL SARGENT, C.B.

THE HON. SIR GEORGE PHILIPPO, KNT.

COMMODORE W. H. CUMING, R.N.

STEWARDS:
Hon. F. B. JOHNSON, C. V. SMITH, Esq., A. McIVER, Esq., W. M. DEANE, Esq., H. G. THOMSETT, Esq., R.N.

H. HOPPIUS, Esq., COMMITTEE:
T. JACKSON, Esq., Chairman.

E. L. WOODIN, Esq., W. HYNES, Esq., Dr. CLOUTH, B. F. HOLME, Esq., J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART, Esq., Hon. SECRETARY.

H. R. COOMBS, Esq., Hon. TREASURER.

J. P. MCEVEN, Esq., R.N., AND
H. J. H. TRIPP, Esq.

UMPIRES AND STARTERS:
Rowing.....W. HYNES, Esq., E. L. WOODIN, Esq., YACHTS.....E. BEART, Esq., OPEN SAILING BOATS.....E. BURNIE, Esq., JUDGE OF SAILING RACES:
Commander J. C. JONES, R.N.

FIRST DAY,
FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1882.

1ST RACE.—1 P.M.
"JUNIOR SCULLS." For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance, \$5. Distance, One Mile. Prize, "Brokers' Cup." Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race in China or Japan.

2ND RACE.—1.30 P.M.
FOR GIGS pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Outrigged Boats excluded.

3RD RACE.—2 P.M.
THE "CHAIRMAN'S CUP." For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One Mile and a Half. Entrance, \$10.

4TH RACE.—2.30 P.M.
FOR MEN-OF-WAR'S GIGS AND WHALERS. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time allowed for Oars, —5 seconds per Oar.

5TH RACE.—3 P.M.
"GERMAN CUP." To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10.

6TH RACE.—3.30 P.M.
FOR HOUSE BOATS and/or Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars, —5 seconds per Oar.

7TH RACE.—4 P.M.
LADIES' PURSE." For pair-Oared Outrigged Gigs. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$5.

8TH RACE.—4.30 P.M.
CANOE RACE. Paddling. Distance, Half-a-mile. Entrance, \$2.

SAILING RACE.
FOR MEN-OF-WAR'S BOATS, any rig. Entrance, \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

SAILING RACE.
FOR SAILING SHIPS' BOATS only. Entrance, \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE.
FOR ALL YACHTS. Entrance, \$5. Time for tonnage. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

SECOND DAY,
SATURDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1882.

1ST RACE.—1 P.M.
FOR GIGS pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race on first day, and Outrigged Boats excluded.

2ND RACE.—1.30 P.M.
INTERNATIONAL RACE. "Challenge Cup." For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One Mile. This Cup to be won two consecutive years before being finally held. Won last year by the English. Entrance, \$10.

3RD RACE.—2 P.M.
FOR HOUSE BOATS and/or Gigs PULLED BY CHINAMEN. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Sixth Race on first day, excluded. Time for Oars, —6 seconds per Oar.

4TH RACE.—2.30 P.M.
"AMERICAN CUP." To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10.

5TH RACE.—3 P.M.
FOR MEN-OF-WAR'S CUTTERS. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10. No time allowed for Oars.

6TH RACE.—3.30 P.M.
FOR PAIR OARED OUTRIGGER GIGS. "Cathay Cup," presented by Hon. F. B. JOHNSON. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$5. Winner of Ladies' Purse excluded.

7TH RACE.—4 P.M.
TO BE ROWED IN 5 OR 6-OARED ROYAL NAVAL GIGS OR WHALERS. By Officers of H.M.S. "Fleet" in Harbour. Cup presented by the Members of the Hongkong Club. Time for Oars, —6 seconds per Oar.

8TH RACE.—4.30 P.M.
"MEMBERS' CUP." presented by Members of the Victoria Recreation Club. For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One mile and a-half. Entrance, \$10. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup" excluded.

SAILING RACE.
FOR ALL CANOE BOATS. Entrance, \$2.

SAILING RACE.
FOR ALL OPEN BOATS, Chinese excluded. Entrance, \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE.
FOR ALL YACHTS. Entrance, \$5. Handicap. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

N.B.—Entries for races 2, 4, 6, and 8 (First Day), 1, 3, 5, and 7 (Second Day), will close on Monday, 11th December, at 6 p.m. and must be sent in writing to the Hon. Secretary giving name of boat, colour, number of oars, &c.

J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART,
Hon. Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1882. [794]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
"JAPAN,"
Captain F. F. Flack, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 14th instant, at THREE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
"DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents."

Hongkong, 7th December, 1882. [798]

FOR HOIHOW AND FAKHOI.

THE Steamship
"PING-ON,"
Captain McCashin, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 15th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1882. [814]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/4 L. 1. 1. German Ship
"MOMMSEN,"
Wilms, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, 20th November, 1882. [760]

Mails.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship
"OCEANIC,"
will be despatched for San Francisco, and Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at THREE P.M.

Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

ALL PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent. on Return Fare; if re-

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS

AND
NEW YEAR CARDS.

SEASON 1882-3.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

INSPECTION is invited of our Collection of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS which have been carefully Selected in London from the Stocks of various makers.

THEY INCLUDE CHROMO LITHOGRAPHS

FROM

MARCUS WARD AND DE LA RUE,

HAND PAINTINGS

ON

CARD, IVORY, OAK AND IVORINE

AND

OTHER NOVELTIES.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

CHEMISTS, PERFUMERS, &c.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

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NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at a rate. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1882.

Any person who desires amusement, and who can spare the time to read a column of the silliest twaddle that ever disgraced the pages of a newspaper, may gratify their wish by running through the leader in this morning's *Daily Press*. This wonderful production is supposed to have some bearing on the statements made by Governor HENNESSY in his celebrated Nottingham speech on the question of local smuggling, and pretends, in a primitive and uncertain sort of way, to maintain the audacious allegations on the subject, contained in Mr. BULKLEY JOHNSON's extraordinary manifesto to the Chairman of the London Chamber of Commerce. It commences:—"The letter of Mr. CREAGH, written by him when Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, on the subject of opium smuggling, will no doubt be seized upon by the friends of the ex-Governor and those who by reason of natural inclination or interested motives are concerned in the aspersions of this Colony. As a piece of evidence on the one side of the case the letter is no doubt of importance and deserves attentive consideration. Mr. CREAGH says:—"Whole-sale smuggling is carried on by vessels constructed and equipped expressly for running the blockade of revenue cruisers with salt and opium. These vessels are built for fast sailing and are invariably well-armed, and when unable to escape by flight they offer desperate resistance to revenue-junks. Their boats may be distinguished from the ordinary trader by the physical as well as the numerical strength of the crew, and they are invariably well known to the boat population of the harbours they frequent." Mr. THOMSON, the Harbour Master, writes:—"The return will show the class of vessels employed in opium smuggling, together with their crews, and armament, but it must be borne in mind that all junks, whether smuggling, or trading, are armed as are the vessels in this return. The vessels employed as smugglers have for some time been fast pulling boats which can creep along the shore, unobserved, and if they are seen, the crews are enabled to land and escape with their cargoes. I may remark that none of the vessels engaged in smuggling are regularly employed as such. If a man is desirous of smuggling opium he hires any vessel that he can get. Now, we should like very much indeed, and so, no doubt, would the community at large, to receive some definite information as to the personality of the friends of Sir JOHN PEARCE HENNESSY

(who, as our contemporary knows right well, is not the Ex-Governor of Hongkong) and of those who by reason of natural inclination or interested motives are concerned in the aspersions of this Colony. What, we ask, are the interested motives to be served by aspersing the Colony, and where are we to look for the "natural inclination"? Even at this early stage of his leader the talented journalist, and would-be representative of public opinion writes himself down an ass; but when he insinuates that Mr. CREAGH's letter was a put-up job between that officer and the Governor, he just steps outside the limits of decent journalism. It is not worth while dealing seriously with the nonsense which this ingenious scribe has dished up for the delectation of that section of our community who are equally stupid with himself, as it is hardly likely that even an insignificant minority of the public will believe that all the officers of the Hongkong Government who declined to bow down in adoration, and follow the lead of Mr. BULKLEY JOHNSON, were bought by Governor HENNESSY! And yet that is exactly what we are asked to accept as truth by the submissive and accommodating creatures of that factious opposition of unscrupulous obstructionists, which has until lately, almost from time immemorial, exerted a pernicious and selfish influence in the government of Hongkong.

Mr. CREAGH may rest quite tranquil, even in the face of our morning contemporary's contemptible insinuations. Mr. THOMSON and Captain DEANE were openly accused the other day of "cooking" the accounts of certain departments; the Deputy Superintendent of Police it is now all but asserted was bribed to write a false and misleading official letter to suit the purposes of the Governor; and it may be some other officer's turn to-morrow, if the inducements held out for this prostitution of public privileges are considered sufficiently attractive. The Colony will shortly enjoy the spectacle of the *Daily Press* wandering blindfold through the various government departments, acting the part of a modern Diogenes, lantern in hand, in search of an honest and incorruptible official.

We cannot afford the precious time necessary to follow our morning oracle through the column of discursive twaddle in which comparisons are drawn and arguments based on the respective opinions of the smuggling business, contained in the letters of Mr. CREAGH and Captain THOMSON. Besides, such a course is quite unnecessary. Capt. THOMSON's letter, as we pointed out the other day, speaks for itself. The worthy Harbour Master officially knows just as much about smuggling junks as the oracle of the *Daily Press*, and that is nothing at all. If the Government actually wish to know the truth of this vexed question, they can easily do so. The Inspectors of Police in charge of the stations at Yau-mah-li, Shau-ki-wan, Stanley, and Aberdeen, and the officer of the Harbour Department whose duty it is specially to look after the junk traffic can, if they will, give all the necessary information. Should this plan prove unsatisfactory, we shall be glad to open the eyes of the Government, and of Mr. F. BULKLEY JOHNSON, with regard to matters which are common gossip in every public resort in the Colony.

Says the *Foochow Herald* of the 7th Inst.—"The origin and *raison d'être* of all taxation is the security and protection of persons and property. A government has the right to tax the people, because it is supposed to secure to them freedom from molestation not only from neighbouring people, but also from the ill-contented and idle amongst themselves. This is now well understood and accepted among the European governments, and, in theory at least, it is also accepted and understood by the Chinese Government.

Some ten years ago when TAO TSAUNG, the now famous Chinese statesman, was Governor General of this Province, he caused a special duty to be laid upon all tea coming from the up country at the rate of 3m. 2s. 8 per picul. This was with the object of maintaining a body of soldiers for the special protection of merchants. Every five miles along the river through which the tea passed to this port, a guard boat was stationed, well armed and manned by eight soldiers. While the Governor General himself was present here, the maintenance and discipline of this regular body of soldiers was rigorously kept. But soon after he left, at the expiration of the term of his office, the organisation and number of the soldiers were reduced. At the present moment although the duty continues to be regularly levied, the protection intended to be secured to the merchants exists only in name. Every guard boat has now nominally four, but really only two soldiers, who generally make their appearance when they are not wanted, but are never to be found upon any emergency. Hence, the frequency of practical attacks and robbery, which we have had to record along the tea country roads.

In the beginning of this year, a daring attack was made upon a boat with treasure belonging to Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., in which a nephew of their Comptroller was murdered, and within six months after this, two other attacks were made also upon merchants connected with foreign firms; one in which two lives were lost and the other, a large quantity of opium stolen. Recently again, on the 17th of last month, a gang of between seventy and eighty men attacked another boat, robbing treasure to the extent of about four thousand Taels and several chests of opium, besides wounding and killing several persons. In one of the cases above referred to, a military officer of Yen Ping, by the name of Hsien was despatched with five hundred soldiers to capture the brigands, but it is rumoured among the Chinese that this officer did more to allow the robbers to escape than to effect their capture.

We have made these remarks, because we consider this is a matter that deeply concerns foreign interests. The one principal trade of Foochow is the tea trade. Every year about two millions of dollars, the property of foreigners, are advanced to Chinese tea merchants to go up country to buy tea, and we believe the security for the money is merely nominal. Therefore the interests of Chinese merchants and those of foreigners are one in this respect. Again, as in the case of the treasure belonging to Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., a case which we believe has not been settled; the matter assumes another, and a more serious aspect. We do not know how far the foreign merchants are willing or able, but by some co-joint action, representation through the various Consuls might be made direct to the Chinese High Authorities of this Province, to secure to the tea merchants the protection to which they, as well as all foreigners, are alike entitled. In English we have the axiom, "prevention is better than cure," and the Chinese Confucius said: "In law suits I can decide and give judgement as well as other men, but what is important is to prevent the causes, which give rise to law suits.

TELEGRAM.

LONDON, 11th December, 1882.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The *Standard*, in a leading article, announces that Lord Derby will be Secretary of State for India, Lord Hartington, Secretary of State for War, and Mr. Childers, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE *Nagasaki Express* learns, that the British steam yacht *Marchesa*, a vessel of 430 tons register, is expected to visit that port shortly, en route to China.

A REGULAR Lodge of St. John, No. 618, S. C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Friday evening, the 15th inst, at 8 o'clock for 8.30 precisely.

THE Shanghai *Courier* states that Captain Drage, the Commodore of the Indo-China Company's fleet, has been appointed Marine Superintendent of the Company at Shanghai.

AN American contemporary says the King of Greece speaks English, French, German, Greek and Danish, and observes that it would be more interesting, however, to know whether he can say anything sensible in any one of these languages.

WILLIAM MCGUINNESS, of Ireland, a seaman out of "collar," was fined fifty cents this morning by Mr. Wodehouse for permitting fire-water to render him incapable of taking care of himself. We believe William is not the original of the individual whose name is mixed up with that charming ballad, "the hat McGuinness wore."

THE Russian Admiral landed at Murray Wharf shortly before noon to-day, under a salute from the shore battery, a guard of honor of the Buffs, with the Band and colors, being drawn up at the corner of the Cricket Ground to receive him. The Admiral proceeded to Government House to pay an official visit to His Excellency the Administrator.

A COOLIE whose antecedents are not of a particularly meritorious character, inasmuch as his record shows him to have been convicted four times of larceny, for which he suffered various terms of imprisonment, was committed for trial this morning by Mr. Wodehouse for "stealing" three ladies and two choppers, the property of a Chinawoman.

WRITING on the 6th inst the *Chinkiang correspondent* of the *Albany* says:—"The steamer *Foo-an*, late *Pluto*, which came here a month ago from Shanghai, without a proper clearance, was confiscated by the Tao-tai. W. Bro. G. A. Alcott has been elected Worshipful Master for the Doric Lodge, for 1883. The German steamer *Felicitas* leaves to-day for the south, and the steamer *Hohow* loading rice, is for the same destination.

LONDON *Society* tells an anecdote of a certain barrister named Jones, who practiced in Brougham's time, and contracted a habit of always commencing the examination of a witness with these words:—"Now, Sir, I am going to put a question to you, and I don't care which way you answer it." Brougham had begun, like many others to grow tired of this eternal formula. One morning he met his brother lawyer near the Temple, and addressed him thus:—"Now, Jones, I am going to put a question to you, and I don't care which way you answer it. How do you do?"

We are very glad to learn by telegrams received this forenoon, that Manila was formally declared a clean port this morning. It is fervently to be hoped that, after the terrible experiences of the past, a long continued era of peace and prosperity may enable the unfortunate colony to regain its former greatness, and its importance as a commercial centre.

A CHINESE workman in the employ of the Government had his leg crushed yesterday at Tytam by the fall of a rock while at work there, and was sent to the Civil Hospital on a stretcher. Upon arrival there, it was found the unfortunate man had sustained a comminuted fracture of the left leg and thigh, from the effects of which, and exposure to cold, he died shortly after admission. An inquest has been ordered for to-morrow afternoon.

SIX Chinese females of various ages and degrees of beauty, from the old wrinkled hag to the blooming lassie, were up this morning before Mr. Wodehouse, having been found cutting grass on the hillside at the back of Head Quarter House yesterday, on ground belonging to the Crown. A fine of a dollar each, or seven days' imprisonment, was imposed. Three of the batch went to durance vile, the other three coming to the front with the Mexican.

INSPECTOR MACKIE charged two masters of junks before the Marine Magistrate this morning with leaving Victoria without a clearance yesterday. The Inspector, upon the arrival of the junks at Shau-ki-wan, found they had no papers. The defendants pleaded ignorance of the law, which being inadmissible, on the principle of *ignorantia legis neminem excusat*, they were convicted of not giving notice of their intended departure, and fined \$5 each or 10 days' imprisonment. Both men went to "Tonnochy's Retreat."

THE latest local rumour is that the mysterious "Banian" of the *Daily Press* is none other than that well-known friend of the public, Mr. Brown, late of the Hongkong Hotel. We are rather inclined to be sceptical as to the truth of this report. Had Brown been credited with writing the leaders in the *Mandarin* we should not have felt surprised, but we can hardly believe that the aesthetic divinity who, with so much profound learning prates about "the dictates of physiology and the teachings of art," and whose indelicate references to "buckets" and the undergarments of the fair sex so recently outraged society, can be the worthy ex-chic collector. However, rumour may for once be quite right.

INSPECTORS even are not exempt from the consequences of the depravity induced by the Fall. Inspector Lee, upon examining his drawer yesterday, found himself minus 51 Mexicanos, and as only his servant had access to the room, he very naturally charged him on suspicion of being the "annexer" of the dollars. The Inspector's watch and chain, which were in the same receptacle, were not touched. A minute search over the house, including the servant's quarters, failed to reveal the locale of the missing "spoons." The case was remanded till the 19th instant. As the Chinese New Year approaches, the "annexing" faculties of Celestials become morbidly developed, so we would advise residents to look sharply after their property or they will find it *non est inventus* some fine morning.

In the case in which a Malay seaman was charged with assaulting and robbing another Malay seaman of \$15, the affair arising out of a game of *Monte* in which both had been indulging, the defendant was this morning convicted by Mr. Wodehouse of larceny of a five dollar note, inasmuch as he "annexed" his own ten dollars which he had lost at the game, as well as his opponent's five, and, being his first offence, was let off upon paying the complainant the sum of \$10. The decision seems to us somewhat singular, and although we are pretty well versed in figures, we are unable to work out the sum, and doubt whether it is quite accurate to Cocker. An array of eminent legal talent was employed in the case, Mr. Wotton being for the prosecution, and Mr. Mossop for the defence. After the legal gentlemen are paid their fees, we fancy the Malays will find themselves minus. Lawyers have proverbially capacious—we had almost written rapacious—maws.

MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s house cooie, charged with being concerned in the robbery of money and cloth from the store to the extent of \$50, was discharged this morning by Captain Thomsett, for want of evidence to convict. The following is a translation of the letter from the absconded store cooie which he addressed to the defendant from his lurking place at Canton, and which was intercepted here. As a literary production, it is not devoid of merit, being at once sentimental and to the point:—

"To Brother Chan—I hereby inform you that I am now at Canton safely. You need not be anxious about me. If you have arranged the matter about me, please send me an *immediat* answer without delay. I long for you, and am enjoying happiness and tranquility."

(Signed) HUNG YUNG KWAN.

The writer, no doubt, is enjoying both of the blessings he mentions, and will experience them in an increased degree when the police lay their hands upon him one of these days.

THE story of a splendid feat of bravery, comes from the United States. A train on the Pennsylvania Railway, carrying over 600 passengers, left Jersey City and had attained the rate of forty miles an hour when some derangement of the exhaust apparatus forced the flames from under the boiler backward, drove the engineer from his post, and quickly ignited the first car. In ordinary circumstances the train might have been stopped by a break, which could be worked from the cars, but unfortunately the spring had been fouled, and the passengers were in imminent danger of a speedy and a violent death. Only in one way could the engineer save the lives entrusted to him, and dashing through the flames, he seized the lever, and in a minute or two the train was brought to a stand. Six hundred and twenty men, women, and children were saved, but it is to be feared by the sacrifice of the brave engineer, who is so badly burned that his recovery is hardly to be expected. Were Wordsworth living now, he might still sing:—"The ancient spirit is not dead."

THE enormous passenger travel on the New York elevated railroads is shown by a report just made, which states that during the year ended September 30th they carried over eighty-six millions of passengers, and their cash receipts amounted to \$5,937,000. The annual business of the two great underground lines of London is but little more in the number of passengers carried and far less in receipts. Their average fare is about one penny (two cents) per passenger, while in New York it is five cents.

WE (*Nagasaki Express*) read in the *Nichi Nichi Shimbun*, that since the opening of Yokohama and Higo, the trade of Nagasaki has considerably diminished, but it would appear that owing to the late extension of commercial relations with Korea, China, and Siberia, an increase in exports has taken place. A large number of Japanese ladies, who were with perfect ease their rich and elegant European costumes, assisted at the banquets lately given in Tokyo by the Ministers for Holland and Belgium.

FROM a notice signed by Col. Papillon, Commanding Royal Engineer, published in our advertising columns yesterday, it will be observed that, from the 18th inst to March 7th 1883, a torpedo ground about 800 yards square will be marked out, just off Stonecutters Island. Vessels, junks, and sampans entering this enclosed space, between the dates mentioned, are warned that they will do so at their own risk. It is incumbent on the authorities to give this notice the widest possible publicity.

SAYS the Shanghai *Courier* of the 7th inst.—"The first steel launch that has been built at Shanghai was floated from the Old Dock premises at noon to-day. It is called the *Nora*, after the youngest daughter of Mr. Simpson, of Messrs. Farman and Co. The hull and engines were entirely built by employees of the firm, and the handsome little craft does them credit. The *Nora* is 48 feet long, with 8 ft. 6 inches beam. Her engine is 60 horse power. In some respects, she is similar to the *Ripple*, which was launched from the same yard lately, only smaller. Directly after leaving the ways, she went on a short trial trip, and looked very graceful in the water. She has been built for the use of the firm."

WRITES "Gil Blas" in the *Overland Mail*: After all, the Channel Tunnel scheme is not dead. The South-Eastern Railway baronet has found an unexpected champion in the British workman, whose opinion is evidently a matter of consideration—to himself, if not to any one else. A resolution condemning the reports of the military authorities as reflecting "upon the intelligence and patriotism of the English and the French peoples" has just been passed by the "Reorganised Channel Tunnel Committee." Naturally, after this expression of opinion, Sir Garnet and the other military experts who have opposed Sir Edward Watkin will bow to the inevitable and accept the tunnel as an Imperial necessity. But what is the R. C. T. Committee, and who has heard of it before?

WE have much pleasure in giving publicity to the Subscription List issued by Mr. A. Mancarini, Spanish Consul at this port, on behalf of the unfortunate sufferers by the recent terrible calamities at Manila. Mr. Mancarini's appeal to the public speaks for itself, and runs as follows:—"The appeal made in Shanghai to the charity of its residents on behalf of the unfortunate natives of Manila has been responded to with the most earnest and humanitarian feelings. Emboldened by such example and by the kind expressions of sympathy, which have appeared in the Hongkong papers, and by which I have been led to suppose that Hongkong would not eschew the occasion of tendering a charitable hand to those who are in need of any kind of help, I dare to initiate a Public Subscription in order that any person wishing to contribute to the relief of the sufferers, may have an opportunity of doing so. The subscription list, with the names of donors and the money collected, will be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General of the Philippines."

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon for the second reading of the series of Bills detailed in our yesterday's issue. There were present: His Excellency the Administrator (the Hon. W. H. Marsh), the Hon. Sir George Phillipps, Chief Justice; the Hon. F. Stewart, Acting Colonial Secretary; the Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney General; the Hon. J. Russell, Colonial Treasurer; the Hon. J. M. Price, Surveyor-General, and the Hon. P. Ryrie and the Hon. F. B. Johnson, unofficial members.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read by the Clerk of Councils and confirmed, His Excellency the Administrator laid on the table the return asked for at the previous meeting of the punishments awarded in cases of mendacity from 1868 to 1871, and stated there was no record of any such cases having been dealt with by the Magistrates prior to 1867. The Hon. F. B. Johnson then called attention to the report of Mr. Creagh on smuggling in the Colony, and said he asked for the report because its contents were conflicting in some respects with the return furnished by the Harbour Master. The report was expressed in such general terms he did not suppose any prudent Administrator would take action on it without further enquiry. The Hon. member commented upon the report at considerable length, and said it was absurd to suppose the small scale employed in smuggling would engage in conflict with armed cruisers. He would ask His Excellency if there was any record of an enquiry having been made by the Government in consequence of Mr. Creagh's report, and said it was inconceivable any Governor should not have made a careful official enquiry into the whole subject. He also asked how it was Sir John Pope Hennessy took no steps to use the power at his command, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief, to put down the disorders if he were true that practical junks were fitted out here, and if there were scores of bloodsuckers as described. If there was any truth at all in the statements made in the Nottingham address, it was the duty of the Government to take immediate steps to remove the disorders. The mercantile community had no interest otherwise than feeling that the legitimate revenue of China was rightly protected. The Hon. member concluded by asking the Administrator if he was aware whether any enquiry was made by the Government into Mr. Creagh's report, and with reference to the statements in the Nottingham address. Mr. Marsh said he was sorry he was not able to answer as he had had no notice of the questions. He had had the papers on opium smuggling with him, and would place them at the disposal of members. He thought there was plenty of smuggling going on now, carried on in small boats. His Excellency mentioned a case of three small boats having come into Shau-ki-wan, with 12,000 worth of opium on board, and said that one Customs officer was killed and two wounded in a conflict with smugglers. Our early morning going to know persons giving any more of the proceedings to-day.

CRICKET.

THE BUFFS V. GARRISON AND NAVY.

A MATCH between the above named teams was played on the Cricket Ground yesterday afternoon, resulting in a decisive victory for the Buffs, on the first innings, by 49 runs. Hedley, winning the toss, elected to assume the defensive, and in company with Hare proceeded to resist the attacks of Evans and O'Riagan. It was the Sappers' day out, as he had only managed to score three when the old professional rattled down his stumps, and, to make a long story short, no stand was made excepting by Newington, who appears to be recovering his old confidence and form, and whose 26 were obtained by good cricket. Hynes was credited with a dozen, and Elwyn with 10, no other player reaching double figures. The innings eventually closed for 91, including 9 extras. Evans distinguished himself both with the ball and in the field, four wickets falling to his bowling and he also caught both Lane and Newington. Porter took three wickets, and with a little more practice will prove the most effective trundler in the regiment; Evans alone excepted.

With what appeared a difficult task set them, considering the strength of the opposition bowling, the Buffs were first represented at the wickets by Sergeant Moreland, assisted by Hynes and Rice leading off the attack. Duggan did not stay long, as, after scoring 8, he gave Hedley a chance, which that admirable stump-digger cleverly availed himself of. Bunbury played well for 14, and then also fell a victim to the vigilance of the wicket-keeper. As the whole of the Buffs made runs the probable defeat of the Navy and Garrison quickly became a certainty, and before the last wicket fell the very respectable total of 139 had been amassed. Jarrett made 24, Evans 16, Howarth 14, Moreland 14, and Lloyd 13. Hynes was credited with 5 wickets, and Rice with 4, but the feature of the innings was Hedley's wicket-keeping, no fewer than four wickets falling to his own hand.

The following are the scores:—

| GARRISON AND NAVY. | |
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| Lieut. Hedley, R.E., b Evans. | 3 |
| Mr. Hara, Commissariat, at Bunbury, b Origan. | 8 |
| Dr. McMurra, R.N., run out. | 6 |
| Mr. Rice, Commissariat, b Evans. | 7 |
| Mr. W. Hynes, a 4 and Porter. | 1 |
| Lieut. Lane, R.A., a Origan. | 1 |
| Capt. Newington, M.L.I., b Evans, b Porter. | ad |
| Lieut. Elwyn, R.N., R. Porter. | 10 |
| Lieut. Browne, R.N., not out. | 1 |
| Lieut. Dunbarry, R.N., b Lloyd, b Evans. | 3 |
| Mr. Sadler, Commissariat, b Evans. | 0 |
| Extras | 0 |

